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SUBJ: DRAFT DECLARATION ON FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES GOVERNING THE  
USE OF MASS MEDIA IN STRENGTHENING PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL  
UNDERSTANDING AND IN COMBATting WAR PROPAGANDA, RACISM AND  
APARTHEID

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1. POL COUNS CALLED ON FON MIN UN DIVISION CHIEF NYHEIM AUG 2  
AND, AT NYHEIM'S REQUEST, ON FON MIN DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL  
FOR UNESCO AFFAIRS GUNNAR GARBO AUG 11, AFTER HIS RETURN FROM  
VACATION, TO MAKE APPROACH REQUESTED REFTTEL A CALLING FOR POST-  
PONEMENT OF CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT DECLARATION ON USE OF MASS  
MEDIA.

2. AFTER HEARING AND AGREEING WITH US VIEWS GENERALLY, GARBO,  
WHO WAS BEST INFORMED ON GON POSITION, SAID NORWEGIANS AGREE WITH  
US ON NEED TO POSTPONE CONSIDERATION DRAFT DECLARATION BY 19TH  
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GENERAL CONFERENCE (GC) OF UNESCO AND THAT TEXT DRAFTED BY

DECEMBER EXPERTS MEETING IS UNACCEPTABLE.

3. BUT HE SAID THE NORWEGIANS AND OTHER SCANDINAVIANS HAVE ALREADY AGREED ON DIFFERENT TACTICAL APPROACH TO DEAL WITH MATTER. HE SAID, AS WE REPORTED REFTTEL B, NORDIC NATIONAL UNESCO COMMITTEES MEETING IN JUNE DEVELOPED CONSENSUS FOR COMMON NORDIC POSITION THAT ISSUE MUST BE SOLVED THROUGH POSTPONEMENT AT UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE (GC).

4. REASONS FOR THIS, GARBO SAID, WERE THAT NORDICS HAD CONCLUDED THAT DIRECTOR GENERAL M'BOW, HOWEVER INTERESTED IN POSTPONEMENT HIMSELF, WILL NOT SEEK TO UNDERCUT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO PUT DRAFT DECLARATION ON GC AGENDA. MOREOVER, GARBO SAID HE THOUGH THAT M'BOW WOULD ALSO FEEL CONSTRAINED BY FACT THAT HE HAS BEEN ASKED BY US AND AGAINST THE WISHES OF THE USSR TO INTERVENE ALSO ON THE DECLARATION ON RACISM AND RACIAL PREJUDICE. DG HAS POSTPONED EXPERTS MEETING ON RACIAL ISSUE UNTIL LATER THIS YEAR AND AS CONSEQUENCE ISSUE WILL PROBABLY NOT BE READY FOR GC CONSIDERATION. IN VIEW OF THIS SCANS DOUBT THAT DG WILL UNDERTAKE HIMSELF TO INTERVENE TO POSTPONE MASS MEDIA QUESTION. CONSEQUENTLY, NORWAY AND OTHER SCANS PLAN SEEK OBTAIN POSTPONEMENT THROUGH DRAFTING AND NEGOTIATING GROUP AT GC.

5. GARBO SAID HE PLANS ATTEND UNESCO BOARD MEETING IN SEPT. WHERE HE WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS SUBJECT AND ALTERNATIVE TACTICAL APPROACHES WITH US DEL AND OTHERS.

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